

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Pursuant to the requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and 1.116(b), please substitute and replace all the claim sheets, as amended and as originally filed, with the above amended set of claims.

Initially, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indications that claims 4, 5 and 12 recite patentable subject matter and that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of their respective base claims and all intervening claims.

By the present Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended adopting the Examiner's suggestions and claims 4 and 12 have been cancelled. Therefore, Claims 1 and 9 are deemed to be allowable.

Since claim 1 is now patentable, the dependent claims 2-3 and 5-8 are also patentable and should be allowed.

Since claim 9 is now patentable, the dependent claims 10-11 and 13-15 are also patentable and should be allowed.

Claims 16 to 20 are allowed as stated in the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2007.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination, and hopes, that by these amendments and arguments, the subject matter of the present invention is now more clearly stated. The argument provides a closer review of the present invention and gives solid support for an allowance. Consequently, Applicant

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requests the Examiner's reconsideration in the instant Application and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection in view of the arguments.

If the Examiner feels that the prosecution of this Application can be expedited by conversation, the Examiner is courteously requested to place a telephone call to Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. For the reasons discussed above, it is believed that this Application is now in an allowable condition such that it is appropriate to hereby respectfully solicit its allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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